

Claim Amendments

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic vulcanizate compound, comprising:
a blend consisting essentially of
 - (a) a continuous phase of polypropylene;
 - (b) a dispersed phase of EPDM rubber;
 - (c) a minor amount of ~~a compatibilizer selected from the group consisting of styrenic block copolymers, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, a copolymer comprising olefin monomeric units and aromatic monomeric units, and combinations thereof, wherein the minor amount of compatibilizer ranges from about 2 to about 4 weight percent of the compound;~~ and
 - (d) an oil.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the ratio of PP:EPDM ranges from about 1:4 to about 2:1, and wherein the minor amount of ethylene-octene copolymer ranges from about 2 to about 4 weight percent of the compound.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 1, wherein the oil is a mineral oil.

8. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 1, wherein the EPDM rubber comprises particles dispersed in the polypropylene, and wherein the compatibilizer causes the largest size of particle to be smaller than the compound without the minor amount of the compatibilizer.
9. (Original) The compound of Claim 1, wherein melt flow rate of the compound with the minor amount of the compatibilizer is lower than melt flow rate of the compound without the minor amount of the compatibilizer.
10. (Cancelled)